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3. IN EXPANDING ON THE NOTE, BAR-ON SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS UNEASY THAT THE ECOSOC ACTION WAS LEADING TO A REOPENING OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AND WANTED TO ACQUAINT THE U.S. WITH WHAT IT IS DOING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA TO ALERT THEM TO ISRAEL'S CONCERN. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE ITS STANCE OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN DECADE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE CONFERENCE, AND REGRETTED THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN ATTITUDES WERE WEAKENING.

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